

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0001]:

[0001.1] This application additionally claims the benefit of the following U.S. Provisional Applications.

| <u>SERIAL NUMBER</u> | <u>FILING DATE</u> | <u>TITLE</u> |
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| <u>60/464382</u> (NEXTIO.0103) | <u>4/18/2003</u> | <u>SHARED-IO PCI COMPLIANT SWITCH</u> |
| <u>60/491314</u> (NEXTIO.0104) | <u>7/30/2003</u> | <u>SHARED NIC BLOCK DIAGRAM</u> |
| <u>60/515558</u> (NEXTIO.0105) | <u>10/29/2003</u> | <u>NEXIS</u> |
| <u>60/523522</u> (NEXTIO.0106) | <u>11/19/2003</u> | <u>SWITCH FOR SHARED I/O FABRIC</u> |
| <u>60/541673</u> (NEXTIO.0107) | <u>2/4/2004</u> | <u>PCI SHARED I/O WIRE LINE PROTOCOL</u> |